

Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Judy Chirco

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

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INFORMATION

SUBJECT: SCHOOLS/CITY COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

Mayor Reed and Councilmember Chirco chair the Schools/City Collaborative which brings together San José's 19 school districts and high level city staff to discuss issues of mutual interest. This memo is a summary of our recent activities.

The Collaborative is broken down into three subcommittees: teacher recruitment and retention, joint use, and school safety.

The subcommittee on teacher recruitment and retention is co-chaired by Leslye Krutko and Superintendent Don Iglesias (San José Unified School District). Projects include:

- San José's Teacher Homebuyer Program which has assisted 614 teachers to date, with four applications in process. This program has positively affected 17 school districts and the County Office of Education
- San Jose's Teach Here Live Here rental assistance program which started in 2007 and has helped 18 teachers with moving and rental costs.
- The San José Family Day Care training program, which provides training for Family Daycare and preschool employees, has had 105 graduates in the past three years, with 80 participants scheduled to participate this coming year
- San José's teacher brochure (published by the City's Housing Department) which had not been updated since 2001 has been revamped
- The Rental Housing for Teachers program which is managed by the City's Housing Department. This program provides financial assistance to developers building housing targeted to teachers and has been key in four developments (Lenzen Apartments, Pollard Plaza, Villa Solera, and Delmas Park).

The Joint Use subcommittee is co-chaired by Albert Balagso and Superintendent Marc Liebman (Berryessa School District). This subcommittee works on many issues that require collaboration from San José and its school districts including:

- Compiling an inventory of all existing city and school facilities which has been made into a map. This map has been distributed to all superintendents and councilmembers
- Exploring opportunities and strategies for collaboration such as the City Sports Field Study, City Aquatics Study, GreenPrint Update, Leland High School soccer fields, East Side Union High School District fields, Oak Grove-Edenvale Community Center, and Fire Station #2
- Coordinate future planning and strategies such as the General Plan Update
- Looking at ways to collaborate on maintenance and operations opportunities and well as funding such as Prop 49 money
- Homework Center evaluation and recommendations

The School Safety subcommittee is co-chaired by Police Chief Rob Davis, Jim Helmer, and Superintendent Bob Nunez (East Side Union High School District). This subcommittee focuses on safety and transportation in and around schools. Work items include:

- Safe Routes to Schools grants, coordination of capital improvements in roadways and pedestrian safety, and school classroom safety education (safe walking and cycling practices)
- Establishment of speed limits and other traffic controls, student loading/unloading issues, and parking compliance and enforcement in school zones
- School response issues such as mandatory reporting, emergency response protocol/active shooter protocol
- Coordination with the Police Department's School Liaison Unit, helping to ensure that incidents occurring to/from school are reported
- Crossing guard retention

Please contact Ben Yurman-Glaser at 535-4817 if you are interested in additional information or have suggestions for Schools/City collaboration.